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FRANKFURT FOR GAO MR. EDER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY: ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC AND FOOD AID
PROGRAMS TO SYRIA

JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT, AID/W, AND AGRICULTURE(FAS) OF WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY GAO TO ASSESS THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC AND FOOD AID PROGRAMS TO SYRIA. STUDY PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AT STATE, AID, AND AGRICULTURE, WITH GAO OVERSEAS PHASE OF PROGRAMS' EVALUATION SCHEDULED FOR LATTER PART NOVEMBER 1976 AT EMBASSY AND AID MISSION. OVERSEAS WORK TO BE CONDUCTED BY TWO-MAN AUDIT TEAM FROM GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH, FRANKFURT. BRANCH DIRECTOR WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS AND THEIR ACTUAL ETA.

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2. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH
GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934.
GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERN-
MENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS ARE AT DISCRETION OF
AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY, AND WITH
CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. QUESTIONS OR

PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE
REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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